

**Governor declares  
an end to  
California's drought**

This week Gov. Jerry Brown announced [the end of the latest drought](#) in California. At the same time, he called on all Californians to continue practicing water conservation. His announcement followed the release of the latest [snow survey](#) in the Sierra, which found the snowpack at 165 percent of the April 1 full-season average.

**Bureau bumps up  
water allocation for  
users south of Delta**

The Bureau of Reclamation has announced an increase in water supply allocations for users south of the Delta. Farmers will receive 65 percent of their total for the 2011 contract year. They had previously been told they would receive 55 percent. The bureau says there could be further increases in the coming months. More details are available in this [news release](#).

**Congressman calls for  
more Delta water  
to be sent to farmers**

Rep. Jim Costa (D-Fresno) has introduced legislation that would increase the amount of water that could be pumped from the Delta. If the bill becomes law, farmers in the San Joaquin Valley could receive an additional 200,000 acre feet of water as soon as this summer. On his [website](#) Costa says the bill would bring needed flexibility to California's water policy.

**Water agencies to  
report on management  
of groundwater**

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) is set to release a major policy document on groundwater management. "Sustainability from the Ground Up: A Framework for Groundwater Management in California," provides a look at efforts to manage groundwater basins in California and recommends steps to advance sustainable management. It will be available for download on the [ACWA](#) website on Monday, April 4. ACWA will also hold a [briefing](#) that day in Sacramento.

**SGC to look  
at sea-level rise  
considerations**

The Strategic Growth Council (SGC) is looking at a plan that would take sea-level rise into consideration when making decisions about its programs. The item is on the [agenda](#) for the meeting on Friday, April 8, in Sacramento. The California Ocean Protection Council has already passed a [resolution](#) guiding state agencies to incorporate consideration of the risks posed by sea-level rise.

**Schedule change for  
hearing on process  
water exclusion**

DWR is accepting public comment on the proposed permanent regulation for process water exclusion from gross water calculations. A public hearing will be held in Sacramento on Wednesday, April 13. A public hearing in Los Angeles has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 19. The [text](#) of the regulation, [meeting details](#) and the [notice of proposed rulemaking](#) are available on the DWR website.

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